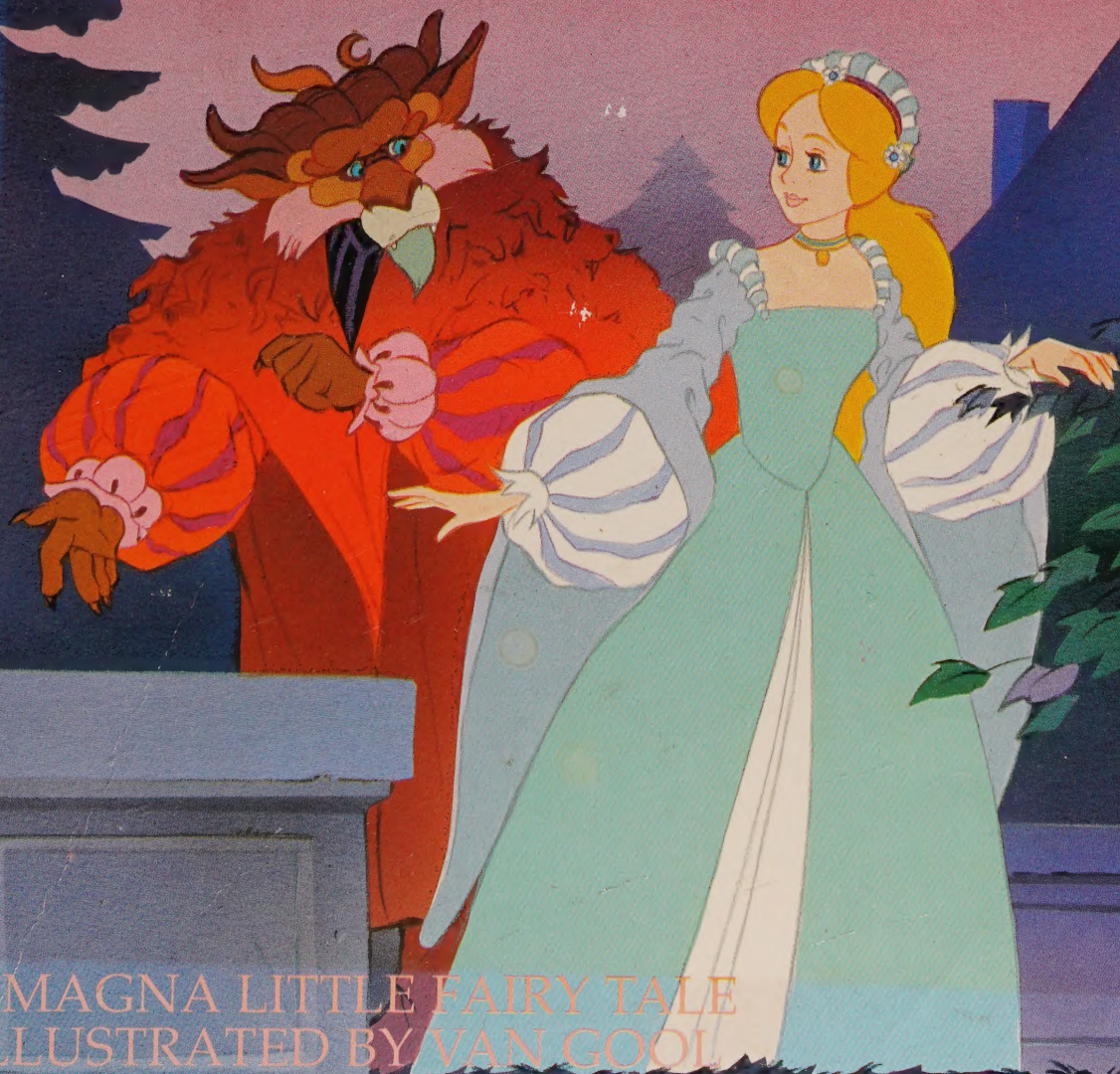
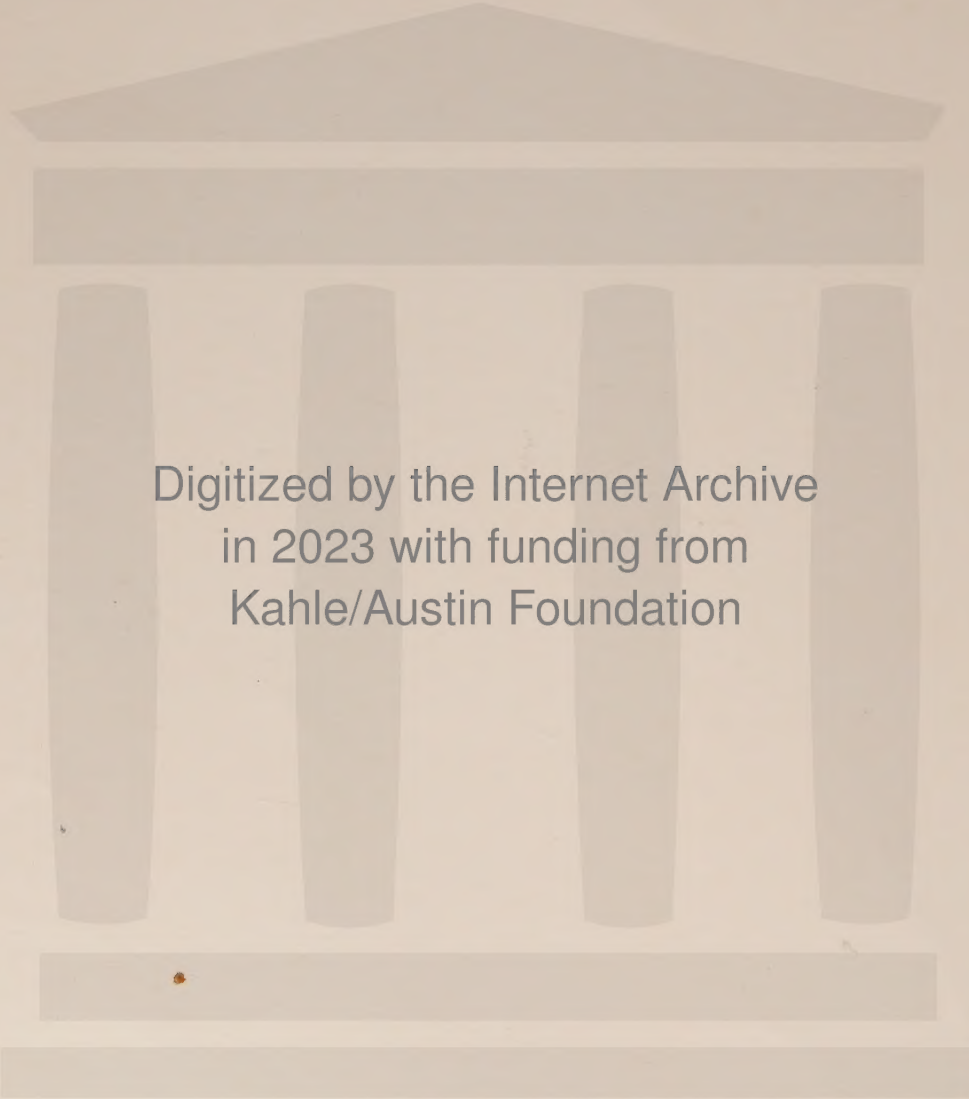


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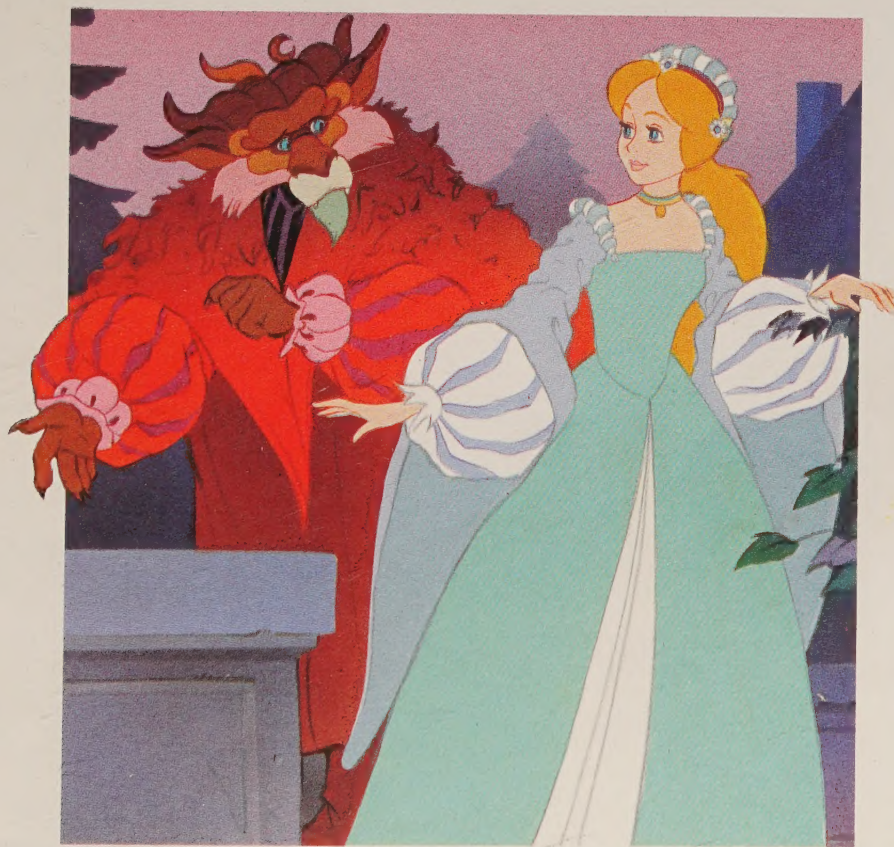




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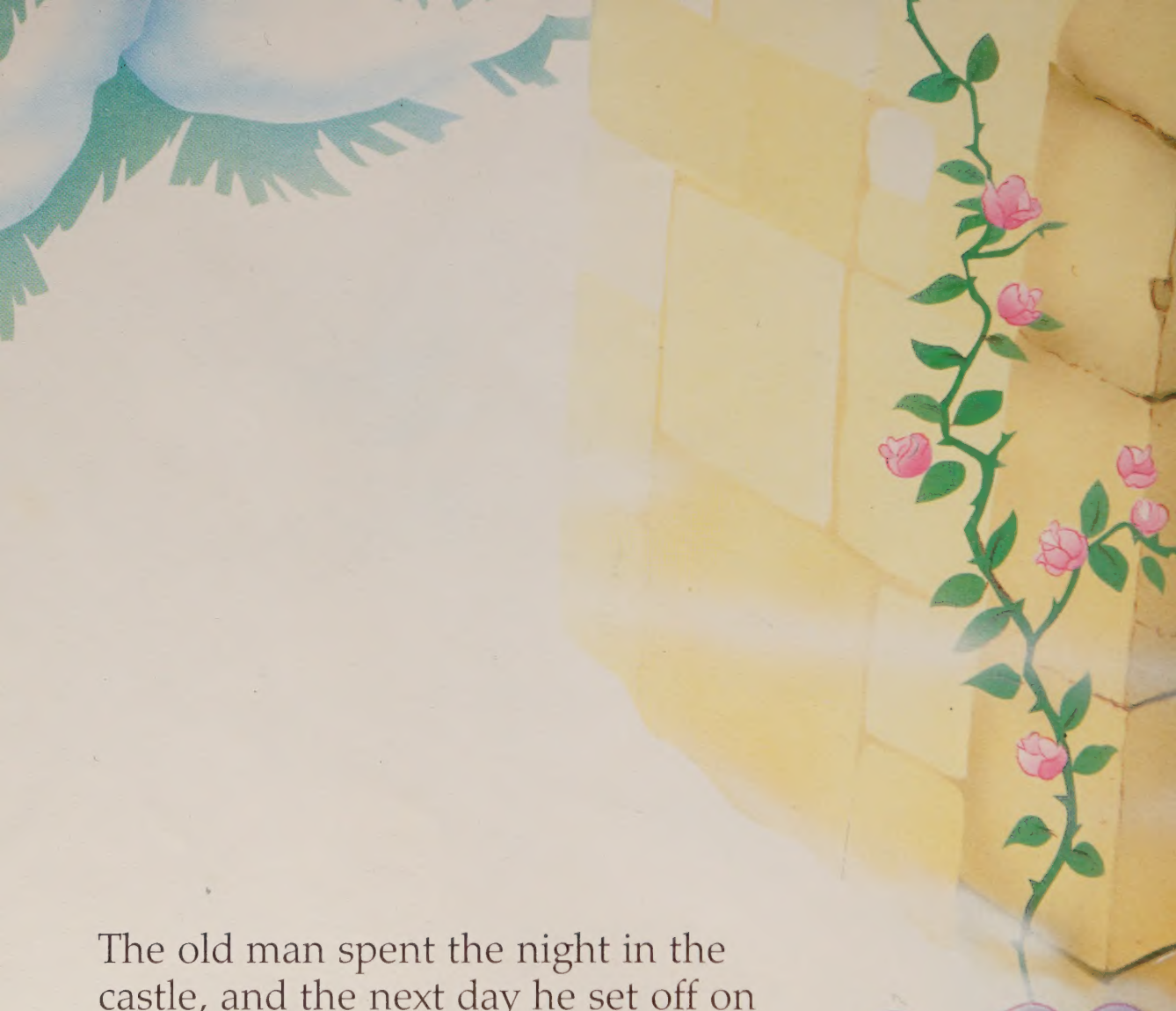
Once upon a time, on a very cold night, an old man got lost in the woods. Luckily, a kind pixie led him to a castle nearby.











The old man spent the night in the castle, and the next day he set off on his way again. As he was walking through the garden, he stopped to pick a rose. Suddenly there was a great roar, "Whoever has touched my roses shall be my prisoner!"





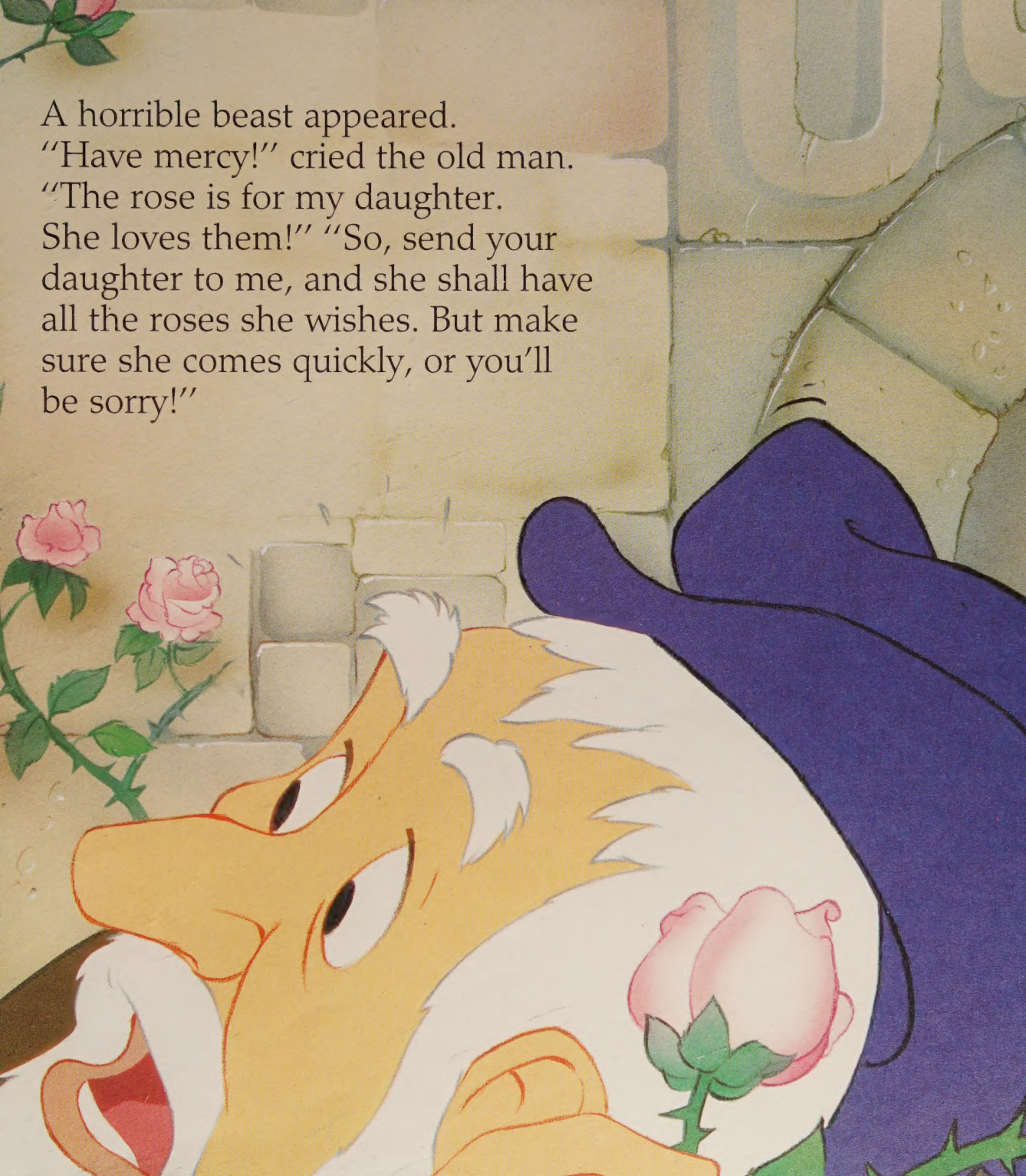








A horrible beast appeared.  
"Have mercy!" cried the old man.  
"The rose is for my daughter.  
She loves them!" "So, send your  
daughter to me, and she shall have  
all the roses she wishes. But make  
sure she comes quickly, or you'll  
be sorry!"







It was a very sad old man who rode away from the castle. When he reached his home, his daughter, Beauty, came running out to meet him. He gave her the rose, and told her what had happened.









Beauty said nothing, but as soon as her father had gone to bed, she set off for the castle. The pixie greeted her kindly, and gave her beautiful clothes and jewels to wear.









A meal had been prepared for her in the dining room. While she was eating, the Beast came in. "Good evening, my Beauty," he said, and Beauty trembled with fear.









But soon Beauty and the Beast became good friends. Although he was frightening and ugly to look at, he had a very kind heart!















Several days passed quite happily. Then one night Beauty saw her father in a magic mirror. He looked very sad. "You may go and visit him" said the Beast, "but come back after two days."

As soon as he saw Beauty, the old man felt happy again. "Please stay with me," he begged. So Beauty stayed, and soon the two days had become a week. Suddenly Beauty remembered her promise, and thought of the Beast all alone in his castle. She left at once.

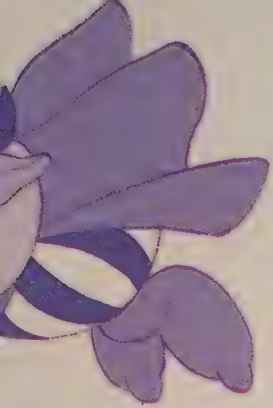








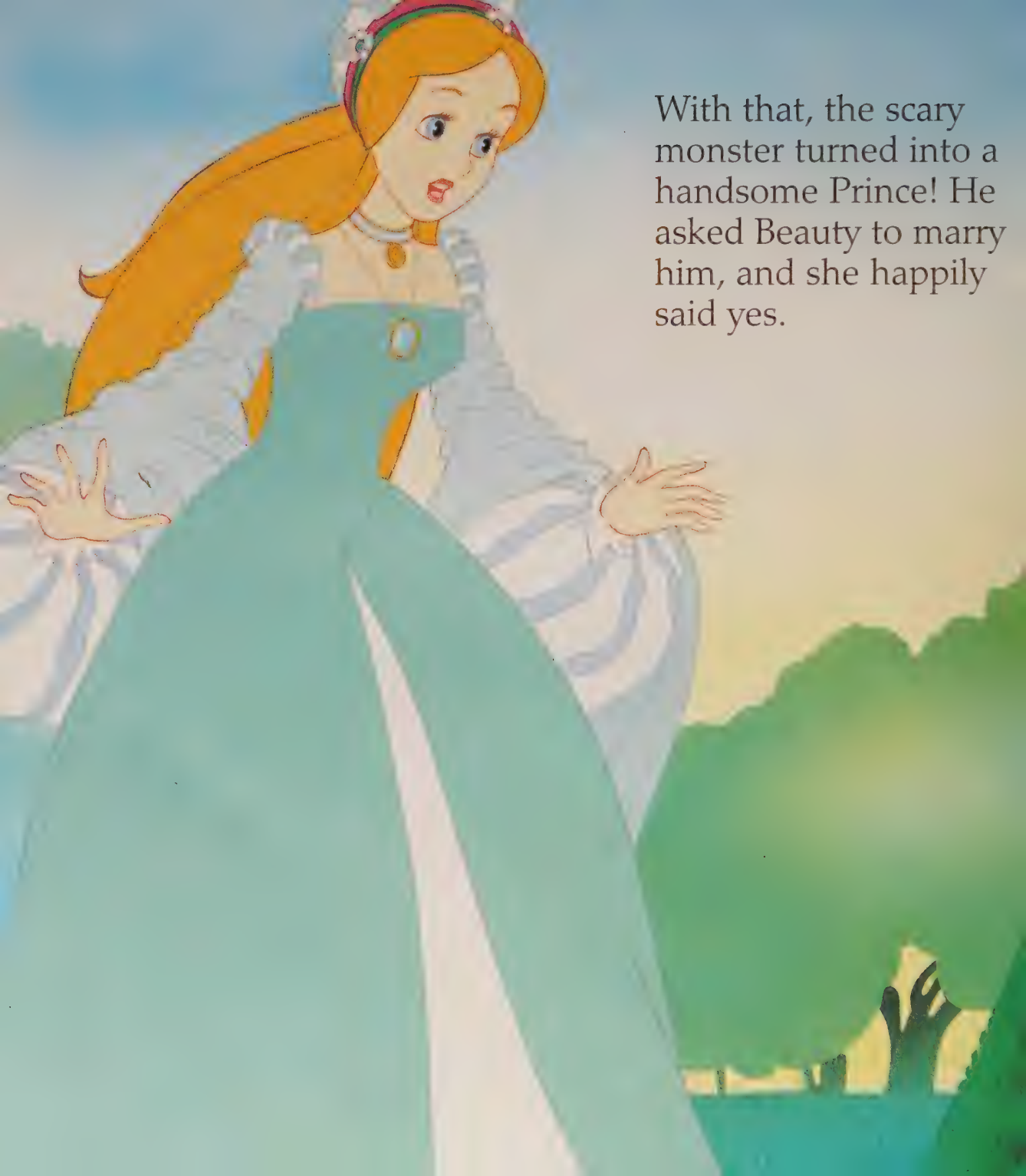




She was just in time, for the Beast was dying of a broken heart. "I'm sorry!" she cried, when she saw him. And she bent down and kissed him on the cheek.



With that, the scary monster turned into a handsome Prince! He asked Beauty to marry him, and she happily said yes.











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